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Letter dated 26 May 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to the letter sent by my Foreign Minister to the Secretary-General dated 24 May 2006 (S/2006/326) and following the presidential statement of the Security Council of 25 May (S/PRST/2006/25), I am writing to inform you that the Portuguese Government has decided to initiate the deployment of a gendarmerie force in response to the formal written request from the authorities of Timor-Leste on 24 May.

We will continue to cooperate closely with Timor-Leste authorities and the other Governments concerned, as well as with the United Nations, both in New York and on the ground, with the objective of contributing to the restoration and maintenance of security in Timor-Leste.

We are conveying this information separately to the Secretary-General. I would be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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